representatives from Ministries of Agriculture, Environment & Forests, Non Conventional Energy Sources, Finance, Planning Commission, Central Pollution Control Board, State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh, Municipal Corporations of Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai, Mumbai, Surat, etc. The Technology Advisory Group has been constituted on 18.8.99 for a period of five years with the objectives of collecting information on various proven technologies, provide technical assistance to urban local bodies, set benchmark on solid waste management for local bodies, channelise and make optimum use of funds earmarked for Solid Waste Management Proejcts, develop IEC (Information, Education & Communication) material for awareness programmes, human resource development and capacity building.

Schemes for development of Urban/Rural areas in Rajasthan and Orissa

1957. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Government's schemes for development of urban/rural areas in Rajasthan as wejll as Orissa;

(b) the names of towns and villages in Rajasthan and Orissa for which funds have been provided by the Central Government during the last three years till date, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) how much money has, so far, been spent out of the funds and how much remained unspent for each town/village and the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (c) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Recommendations of Committee of Technical Experts

1958. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will thde Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2156 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th March, 1999 and state:

(a) the present status of the report/recommendations of the Committee of Technical Experts constituted by V.C, DDA in August, 1998 referred to in reply to the Unstarred Question No. 2462 answered on December 21, 1998;

(b) whether the report is ready;